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Title: **ULTRASONIC WASHING EQUIPMENT  
AND ULTRASONIC WASHING METHOD**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT-A**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In connection with the subject new patent application (filed concurrently herewith), please amend the specification, claims and abstract of the application as discussed herein.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.